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### **Montgomery County Cares**

Montgomery County established a new web portal where federal employees and contractors who live in the County, and who are impacted by the partial federal government shutdown, can go to find assistance provided by various organizations throughout the County. The web address is [montgomerycountymd.gov/shutdown](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/shutdown). See release [here](#).

Also see the list of resources on the County Council's webpage

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22716](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22716)

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### **A message from Montgomery County Government on the Federal Government Shutdown**

If you are a federal employee and have been furloughed as a result of the federal shutdown, you may file your claim online using the [Federal Civilian Employee Application for Benefits](#) or you may file a claim by calling 410-853-1700 or contact an unemployment insurance [claim center](#).

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### **Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection Warns Furloughed Federal Workers About Scam Artists**

With federal workers, contractors, and businesses experiencing economic distress due to the federal government shutdown, the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) warns residents to be aware of illegal debt collection practices, bogus loans, and work-at-home scams. See details at

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22742](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22742)

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## **Summer Camps Registration Begins Jan. 22**

Save the date! Registration for Montgomery County summer camps begins on Tuesday, Jan. 22. [Montgomery County Recreation](#) and [Montgomery Parks](#) are hosting hundreds of educational and fun camps this summer. View the [Summer Camps Guide online](#).

**Upcoming Event** [Summer Camp Fair](#) from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at the North Potomac Community Recreation Center.

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## **RESCHEDULED!**

### **County Executive Elrich's Public Forum on the Upcoming Operating Budget**

**Thursday, January 31 7:00pm**

**BlackRock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

The budget forum originally scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

County Executive Marc Elrich is holding a series of public forums to get comments and suggestions for his Recommended Operating Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 (also referred to as FY2020). The fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, and the new budget will become effective on July 1, 2019. Mr. Elrich will announce his Recommended Operating Budget on March 15 and will then send it to the County Council for their approval. The Council will hold public hearings to get additional public comments and will follow up with work sessions within the various Council committees. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May.

Here are the remaining forums that will be held in other regions of the county:

- [Tuesday, Jan. 22 – 7 p.m.](#) – Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.
- [Wednesday, Jan. 23 – 7 p.m.](#) – Mid-County Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring.
- [Monday, Feb. 4 – 7 p.m.](#) – Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East West Hwy, Bethesda.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, Maryland Relay 711 or email a request to [Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY20 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget20.

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### **Balancing Act**

**Balancing Act** is a Montgomery County-developed, interactive tool to increase public engagement with the FY20 budget process. This new online tool will allow the County leaders to have a better understanding of the funding priorities of County residents. It will also give our residents a chance to experience the tough decisions made each day to keep our government operating. Visit the tool at [montgomerycountymd.gov/budgetsimulator](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/budgetsimulator).

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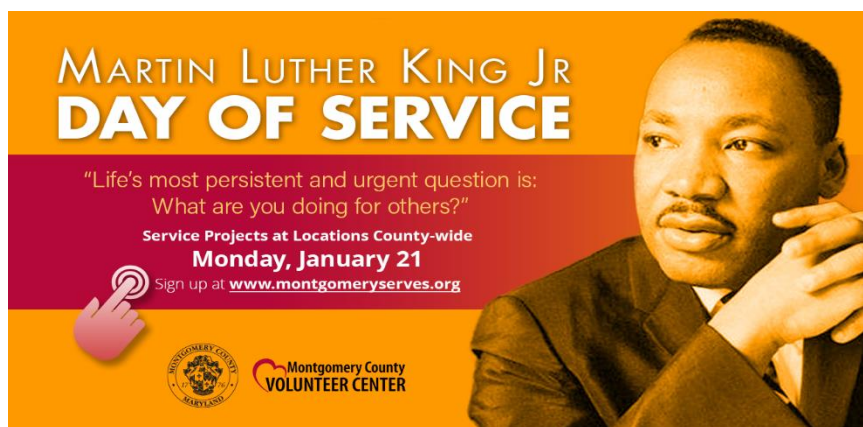
## Elrich Announces Capital Budget: Nearly \$1.8 Billion for Montgomery County Public Schools

County Executive Marc Elrich released his recommended FY20 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The budget recommends \$1.775 billion in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) funding to build 625 new classrooms in 26 new additions, three new schools, and one reopened school – despite funding challenges. The total Amended FY19-24 CIP is \$4.3 billion

With fewer dollars available, it was necessary to find cost savings, to defer some projects, and to look for other funding sources to meet the County's capital needs. One project with significant savings is the Montrose Parkway East project. Elrich determined that, as previously approved, the project was too large, too costly, and did not present a viable solution; and he eliminated funding for constructing the old project and included planning funding to develop alternative solutions to the local safety and traffic problems.

Read the details at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22735](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22735)

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### ***MLK Day of Service*** **Monday, January 21**

**Sign up for one of the multiple project sites to volunteer on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.** In addition to the primary location at the Marriott Conference Center, there will be project sites in Silver Spring, Gaithersburg, Rockville, Olney, Germantown and more. *Make it a Day ON, Not a Day Off!*

### ***Annual Birthday Tribute and Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*** **Monday, January 21 3:30pm** **The Music Center at Strathmore** **5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda**

***Free event!***

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee invite you to a tribute ceremony to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- More at [press release](#) and [ticket information](#).

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## **Clarksburg, Northwest, and Seneca Valley High School Boundary Study Information**

To learn more about the study and get the latest schedule for the public information meetings, visit the Capital Planning page on Montgomery County Public Schools' website

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/UpcountyHSBoundaryStudy.aspx>

### **Public Information Meetings (as of 1/18/19):**

*January 14th and 17th CANCELLED due to weather*

January 23rd- Scheduled as planned Clarksburg High School Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

January 24th-Rescheduled meeting at Seneca Valley High School Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

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### **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Legislative Briefing**

**Sunday, January 27**

**Doors Open at 11:30 am, Program 12:30–6 pm**

**The Universities at Shady Grove, Building II**

**9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville**

The Women's Legislative Briefing (WLB) is the premier and longest-standing women's legislative event in the state of Maryland. It is coordinated by the Montgomery County Commission for Women and brings together advocates, policy makers, and emerging leaders to empower, engage, and mobilize Marylanders around issues affecting women and girls throughout the state.

The purpose of the briefing is to provide information on legislative issues of concern to women and families, including bills that will be introduced in the upcoming sessions of the Maryland General Assembly and U.S. Congress. Local and state officials are invited to attend the briefing. The ending reception allows participants the opportunity to meet with their legislators and discuss issues of concern.

Buy tickets online at: <https://2019wlb.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact the Montgomery County Commission for Women at 240-777-8333 or [merci.wolff@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:merci.wolff@montgomerycountymd.gov)

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### **Informational Forum on Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control**

**Wednesday, February 6 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**The Universities at Shady Grove, Building II**

**(Bethesda/Gaithersburg Room)**

**9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville**

This is an opportunity for the community to hear about the purpose, role and structure of the Department of Liquor Control (DLC), current and future initiatives planned, and policies and resources for local craft distributors. Presenters will include Councilmember Craig Rice and DLC Director Bob Dorfman, as well as Kathie Durbin, Chief of Licensure, Regulation and Education, and Kent Massie, Chief of Retail Operations. If you have any questions, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or [councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## Permitting Services Launches New Website with Streamlined Access for Customers

The Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) has a new website, that provides clear, easy, and quick access to information and online services. The new design provides quicker access for a range of services from applying for permits to tracking construction activities.

By visiting the new website, [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/), customers can clearly see what is required to obtain permits and approvals. The website features a user-friendly process guide that serves as a roadmap for every step of the permit application through inspections. To assist customers, each step is clearly described with links for information, forms, and online services.

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### Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection Still Accepting Holiday Trees for Recycling

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=22749](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22749)

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*For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:* <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services [montgomerycountymd.gov/permitting-services](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/permitting-services)

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)